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IN THE ABSTRACT

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for activating the endogenous synthesis of Heat Shock Protein (HSP) 32 or a functional peptide fragment of such a protein is presented. The method includes the administration to a subject in need thereof of a composition containing at least one compound chosen from the group consisting of Procyanidol Oligomers (PCOs) and derivatives thereof, caffeic acid esters and derivatives thereof and mixtures of these compounds.